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DIRECTLY SPEAKING

By William H. Spaulding

The response to our April 1978 Bulletin has been overwhelming. We sold hundreds of additional copies, due solely to the good reading material and the sound editorial job performed by our editor Richard Gottlieb. The additional sales of this material has aided our cause by supplying much needed funding for the GSW law suit against the CIA.

Recently Mr. Gottlieb was accepted into a Tucson, Arizona based medical school. Unfortunately, this will be Richard's last issue as our editor. All of us will miss Richard's fine efforts and researching capabilities. I have persuaded him to continue to contribute articles for our Bulletin, even though his educational schedule will be very busy.

At this time, all of us on the GSW research staff want to thank our lawyer, Peter Gersten, who has practically dedicated himself to our cause and contributed countless 'free' hours of his own time in this monumental legal achievement. Without his dedication and that of the office staff of Mr. H. Rothblatt, the progress we have witnessed to date never could have happened.

Our membership and other serious UFO researchers can see this task through to completion by continuing to support the suit. GSW has gone too far to call it quits, and with just a few thousand dollars more we can reach our unified goal - to force the government to release the true facts on the Unidentified Flying Object phenomenon. So once again, we are asking for all of your support, both morally and financially.

To bring all of our membership up to date on the recent legal action against the government, the following information is presented:

Recently the CIA was served, via the US District Attorney's Office, with two additional legal documents; 1) the Interrogatories consisting of more than 600 specific UFO related questions and over a dozen referencing government documents pertinent to the law suit, and 2) a second document called Production of Documents and Other Things which further requests specific information on certain UFO cases and various researchers involved in the investigation of the phenomenon.

If only one half of this data can be obtained it will provide some of the most conclusive proof on UFOs ever obtained by a civilian research organization. Our intent during the next few months will be to keep all of our membership informed on any news-breaking events related to the law suit.

We personally believe that we are getting closer to the real facts and all of us on the staff want to thank all of our membership and fellow researchers for the donations and support they have supplied during the past six months.

UPDATE

By Richard Gottlieb

As promised earlier it is our intention to keep our readership well informed about the latest developments in the GSW-CIA litigation. The following is a list of major pleadings filed to date:

- 1) the Complaint
- 2) the Answer
- 3) a Motion to Dismiss (denied)
- 4) a Motion for a Change of Venue (granted - case moved to U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.)
- 5) a Motion to drop the names of secondary parties from the case name (granted - case now reads "Ground Saucer Watch, Inc. against Central Intelligence Agency")
- 6) a set of 635 Interrogatories (questions asked to the defendant in lieu of a hearing, which must be answered correctly lest charges of perjury and contempt of court be leveled.)
- 7) a Request for Production of Documents and Other Things (274 sets of documents, including numerous types of written, pictorial, printed and recorded data are requested.)

Approximately 86 of the requests were for documents recording the important events that transpired during the 1952-1953 flap. These documents dealt with strategic meetings, policy recommendations, intelligence reports, interviews, military involvement and certain high-level discussions. Knowledge of this era of UFOlogy is particularly important to us because numerous previously acquired documents suggest many critical policy decisions were made at this time regarding the suppression of incoming data from the public and the establishment of an intelligence network designed to secretly process UFO reports collected by the military and other sources. Examples of documents of this type include:

- No. 73 - Discussion between President Truman and DCI Smith at the White House - July 1952
- No. 84 - Discussion between Dr. W.G. Whitman (RDB Chairman) and OSI personnel - Nov. 6, 1952
- No. 93 - ORR/GRA Photo Intelligence Div. Chief A.C. Lundahl and ONI Lt. Cdr. at CIA - 1953-1954
- No. 104 - Draft of briefing for the DCI evaluating Air Force study, methodology and coverage of flying saucers/UFOs by Ransom L. Eng, Deputy Chief, OSI Operations Staff -Aug. 1952.

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Also requested were about 105 sets of documents detailing the CIA's direct involvement in the government's study/suppression of the phenomenon. Consistently the Agency has denied any involvement with UFOs prior to or after a three-week period in 1952. We believe the documents will show otherwise:

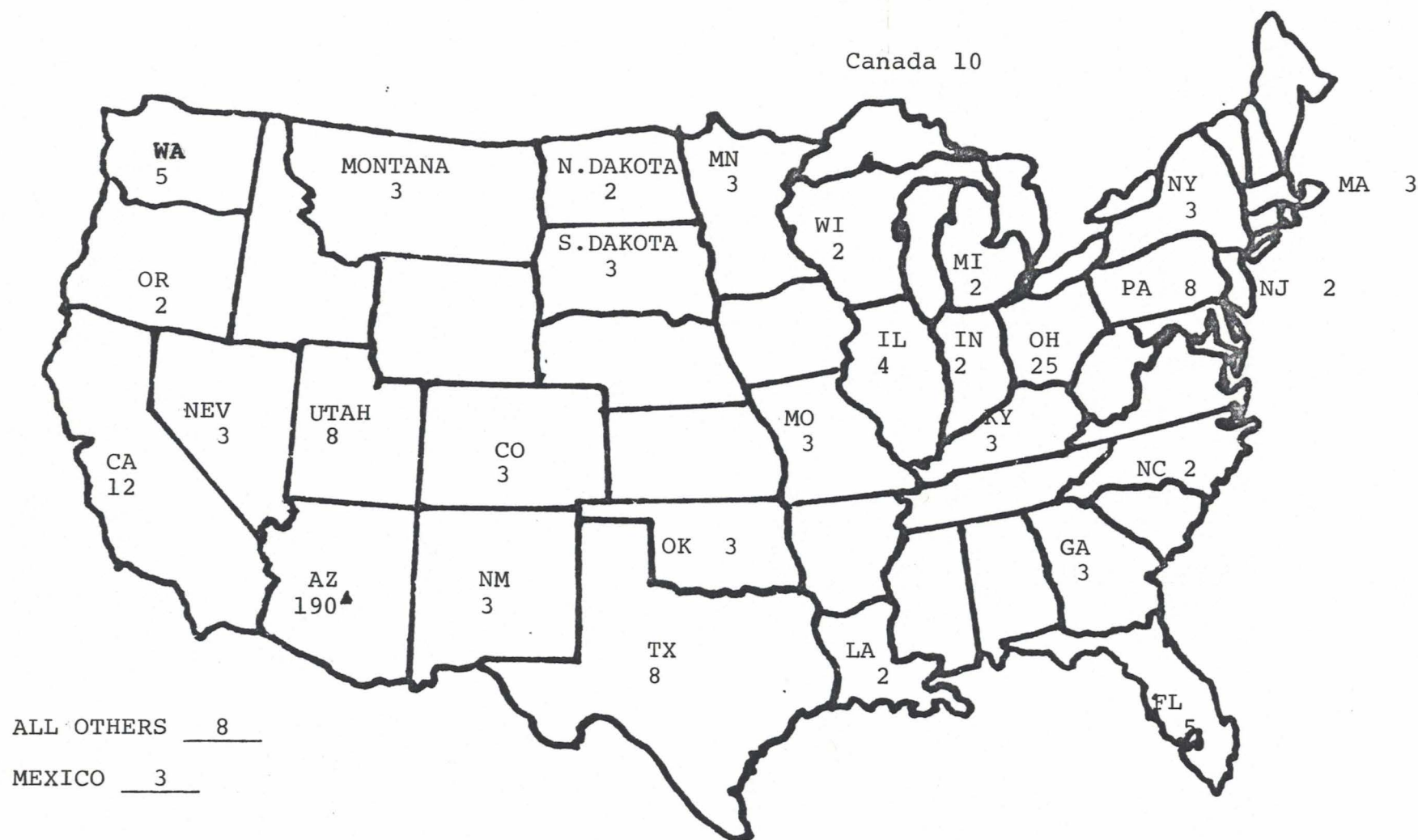
No. 13 - All documents relating to UFOs in the Office of Operations.
 No. 14 - " " " " " in the Foreign Documents
 Division files.
 No. 15 - " " " " " in the FBID files.
 No. 16 - " " ... of the Psychological Strategy Board pertaining
 to UFOs.
 No. 17 - " " ... of the Intelligence Advisory Committee pertain-
 ing to UFOs.
 No. 20 - " " ... in the Research & Development Board of the CIA.
 No. 31 - " " ... in the P&E/SI and W&E/SI Depts. of the CIA.
 No. 47 - " " ... relating to the meeting in 1957 between CIA
 agent named "Hazen" and Ralph Mayher and referred
 to in questions 425-448 of the Interrogatories.
 No. 48 - " " ... relating to the meeting in Jan. & Feb. 1965
 between the CIA and Richard Hall and referred to
 in questions 479-576 of the Interrogatories.

Another group of requested documents dealt with files kept on indi-
 viduals involved with the UFO movement. Still another group referred
 to specific sightings. A group of 16 sets of documents dealt with
 evidence of artificial satellites and their often harmful effects:

No. 245 - 8/25/60 - Mystery satellite tracked and photographed by the
 Gruman Aircraft Corp.
 No. 246 - 5/18/61 - Another mysterious orbiting object tracked by the
 Smithsonian Observatory at Cambridge, Mass.
 No. 247 - 7/53 - Crash of a Transocean Airliner, DC-6 near Wake Island.
 No. 248 - 9/29/59 - Crash of 4-engine Electra-Flight 542.
 No. 249 - 4/1/59 - Crash of AF-C-118 transport plane in the Rhodes Lake
 area.
 No. 250 - 1/56 - Crash of Col. Lee Merkel, Commander of the Kentucky
 Air National Guard.

Documents relating to the 1975 buzzing of USAF bases, and the 1976
 Iranian incident were also requested, as well as numerous others of
 a more general nature. It is our belief that since we can show with
 previously acquired documentation that these documents do in fact
 exist, and since we have sufficient information to verify the authen-
 ticity of many requested documents, we should be getting some long-
 awaited and valuable information soon. The GSW News Bulletin will
 continue to bring you the latest developments as they arise.

Recently, the United States Post Office was granted an increase in the
 postal rates. To offset this unwarranted rate increase, GSW will re-
 duce the News Bulletin to approximately 20-22 pages from its present
 30-page format.



MAP OF SIGHTINGS

SIGHTINGS LOGGED IN BY GSW-EAST & WEST. SIGHTINGS DO NOT CONSTITUTE REAL "UFOs"

1. 252 called-in reports of UFOs.
 2. 29 reports (hard copy) received.
 3. Unknown rate (%) to date on April 1978 through July 1978 data, 12.2%.
 4. Arizona numbers do not include the Phoenix based advertisement airplane.
- THESE SIGHTINGS COVER THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1978 THROUGH JULY 1978.

▲158 sightings attributed to 4 planets (Venus, Mars, Jupiter & Saturn, P.M. sightings) and other related celestial phenomenon. (Peak calls - May/June)

UFO RELATED INFORMATION FROM THE FBI FILE

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"Green Fireballs"

From sources other than the FBI file we know that by the fall of 1947 the Air Force Intelligence had decided that "flying discs" were real objects ^{10,52} (see also the undated, unsigned paper in the FBI file which is reproduced verbatim in the section "The FBI Retreats" part II pg. 5). Later, in the summer of 1948 a dominant feeling of the intelligence group working on the UFO reports was that they were extraterrestrial. This caused them to write the "legendary" estimate of the situation mentioned by Ruppelt ^{10,21} in which they argued that the discs were extraterrestrial. When this "estimate" met with disfavor at the hands of Gen. Vandenburg, the intelligence group began to tend toward explaining things away in any manner possible. Also, as a result of the standard military procedure of transferring officers from place to place, and because of natural attrition involving tours of duty, the personnel in the intelligence group began to change considerably. The new personnel were apparently not as impressed with the reports obtained in 1947 and 1948, and so were not as likely to accept new reports as accurate descriptions of real phenomena. Thus they found it easier to explain reports by ignoring certain aspects of the reports and by stretching mundane explanations (e.g. balloons, birds, etc..) to the limit of their credibility. Consequently, by the end of 1948 the idea that disc reports might be a manifestation of a truly new phenomenon was in disfavor, and investigations of such reports were handled in a very low-key manner. However, in December of 1948, green fireballs began "threatening" certain highly restricted areas in the southwestern United States. Reports of these fireballs were made by many credible individuals, so by the end of December, it was clear that a real phenomenon was being observed. The intelligence group that had been investigating flying discs was now given another job: to find out what the green fireballs were and why they seemed to be concentrated over certain areas. Moreover, the FBI was brought back into the picture because of their interest in the protection of vital installations. The story of the fireball investigations (Project Grudge and Project Twinkle) can be found in detail elsewhere ^{53,54,55,56}. I will present here information received by the FBI which indicates how the AF "felt" about these phenomena.

The first document relating to the green fireballs is dated January 31, 1947, and it was filed under the heading "Protection of Vital Installations, Bureau File #65-58300". Because it provides a good overview of the green fireball/disc situation through January 1947, I will reproduce it in full:

"At recent Weekly Intelligence Conferences of G-2, ONI, OSI, and FBI in the Fourth Army Area, Officers of G-2, Fourth Army have discussed the matter of 'Unidentified Aircraft' or 'Unidentified Aerial Phenomena' otherwise known as 'Flying Discs', 'Flying Saucers' and 'Balls of Fire'. This matter is considered top secret by Intelligence Officers of both the Army and the Air Forces." (This sentence was underlined in the

original copy by the FBI agent who wrote it.)

"It is well known that there have been during the past two years reports from the various parts of the country of the sighting of unidentified aerial objects which have been called in newspaper parlance 'flying discs' and 'flying saucers'. The first such reported from Sweden, and it was thought that the objects, the nature of which was unknown, might have originated in Russia."

"In July 1948 an unidentified aircraft was 'seen' by an Eastern Airlines Pilot and Co-Pilot and one or more passengers of the Eastern Airlines plane over Montgomery, Alabama. (note: Chiles-Whitted case, July 24, 1948) This aircraft was reported to be of unconventional type without wings and resembled generally a 'rocket ship' of the type depicted in comic strips. It was reported to have had windows; to have been larger than the Eastern Airlines plane, and to have been traveling at an estimated speed of 2700 miles an hour. It appeared out of a thunderhead ahead of the Eastern Airlines plane and immediately disappeared in another cloud narrowly missing a collision with the Eastern Airlines plane. No sound or air disturbance was noted in connection with this appearance."

"During the past two months various sightings of unexplained phenomena have been reported in the vicinity of the A.E.C. Installation at Los Alamos, New Mexico, where these phenomena now appear to be concentrated. During December 1948 on the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 20th, and 28th, sightings of unexplained phenomena were made near Los Alamos by Special Agents of the Office of Special Investigation; Airline Pilots, Military Pilots, Los Alamos Security Inspectors, and private citizens. On January 6, 1949, another similar object was sighted in the same area."

"Dr. Lincoln La Paz, a Meteorologist (sic) of some note, has been generally in charge of the observations near Los Alamos, attempting to learn characteristics of the unexplained phenomena."

"Up to this time little concrete information has been obtained."

"There have been day time sightings which are tentatively considered to possibly resemble the exhaust of some type of jet propelled object. Night-time sightings have taken the form of lights usually described as brilliant green, similar to a green traffic signal or green neon light. Some reports indicated that the light began and ended with a red or orange flash. Other reports have given the color as red, white, blue-white (sic), and yellowish green. Trailing lights sometimes observed are said to be red. The spectrum analysis of one light indicates that it may be a copper compound of the type known to be used in rocket experiments and which completely disintegrates upon explosion, leaving no debris. It is noted that no debris has ever been known to be located anywhere resulting from the unexplained phenomena."

"Recent observations have indicated that the unidentified phenomena travel at a rate of speed estimated at a minimum of three miles per second and a maximum of twelve miles per second, or a mean calculated

speed of seven and one-half miles a second, or 27,000 miles an hour. Their reported course indicates that they travel on an East-West line with probability that they approach from the Northern quadrant, which would be the last stage of the great circle route if they originated in Russia." (Note: compare this with the information supplied to the Stamford, Conn. office about the possibility of orbiting atomic bombs in 1947 presented earlier- part II, pg. 2) "When observed they seem to be in level flight at a height of six to ten miles and thus traveling on a tangent to the earth's surface. They occasionally dip at the end of the path and on two occasions a definite vertical change in path was indicated. These phenomena have not been known to have been sighted, however, at any intermediate point between Russia and Los Alamos, but only at the end of the flight toward the apparent 'target', namely, Los Alamos."

"In every case but one the shape of the objects has been reported as round in a point of light with a definite area to the light's source. One report gives a diamond shape; another indicated that trailing lights are elongated. The size is usually compared to one-fourth the diameter of the full moon, and they have also been compared in size to a basketball with trailing lights the size of a baseball."

"On no occasion has sound been associated directly with the phenomena, but unexplained sounds have been reported from Los Alamos. On two occasions reports have been received of the sighting of multiple units."

Some nine scientific reasons are stated to exist which indicated that the phenomena observed are not due to meteorites (sic). The only conclusions reached thus far are that they are either hitherto unobserved natural phenomena or that they are man made. No scientific experiments are known to exist in this country which could give rise to such phenomena."

About two months later, the FBI headquarters received further information about the status of the fireball investigation ⁵³. In this report the FBI agent reemphasized the secret classification and pointed out that "G-2, 4th Army, has now advised that the above matter is now termed 'Unconventional Aircraft' and investigations concerning such matters have been given the name 'Project Grudge'." The report mentioned that the USAF Air Materiel Command had the primary responsibility for investigating the "Green fireball phenomena" and that "since December 5, 1948 there have been more than ten incidents analogous to the 'green fireballs' described above and some twenty others with minor (sic) deviations from the above. It is also pointed out that the only sightings (sic) which had occurred seemed to have been confined to the Los Alamos, Las Vegas, and West Texas Triangle." The report stated that on Nov. 1, 1948 higher Military authorities claimed that the Air Force advised that sightings occurred periodically and that "another period of sightings (sic) was then imminent." On Feb. 14th (1949) "higher military authorities advised that it was believed that ultimately it would be found that the phenomena in question have a natural explanation." The report also mentioned some sightings around Camp Hood, Texas, in early March and stated "There appears to be reason to believe that the above-mentioned phenomena (i.e., 'flares'

near Camp Hood) may be connected with secret experiments being conducted by some U.S. Government Agency as it is believed that the United States is farther advanced in guided missile development than any foreign power."

It is interesting to note the reappearance of the "secret U.S. device" as an explanation that might appeal to the intelligence community. This suggests that there was no doubt that the phenomena were real, and therefore the intelligence community, or at least part of it, felt the objects must be man-made.

FBI POLICY RESTATED

The upsurge in AF interest in unidentified aerial phenomena in late 1948 and early 1949 resulted in a re-statement of the earlier policy by the FBI. The policy after Oct. 1, 1947 was set by bulletin #57 of that year: "All future reports connected with flying discs should be referred to the Air Forces and no investigative action should be taken by Bureau agents." The lack of UFO reports during late 1947 and throughout 1948 (there was one good report in 1948 in the section of the file that I have) indicates that the FBI agents were following instructions very well.

Early in 1949 it became clear to the FBI that the Air Force was taking reports of anomalous phenomena seriously, as was indicated by the publication of a document dated Feb. 15, 1949 and entitled "Air Intelligence Requirements Memorandum Number 4" which was signed by General C.P. Cabell, Major General USAF, Director in Intelligence, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations. This document was a prototype sighting form which had a twofold purpose: a) to enunciate continuing Air Force requirements for information pertaining to sightings of unconventional aircraft and unidentified flying objects, including the so-called "flying discs", and b) to establish procedures for reporting such information. Any information obtained was to be submitted on AF form 112 (a sighting form) which could be filled out by the observer. The Requirements Memorandum, which was marked restricted, was apparently to be filled out by the person interviewing the witness (i.e., by an agent of the Air Force, FBI, CIA, or whatever) and, along with the usual questions about time, location, directions and duration of sighting, appearance, etc., it included questions that would pertain to details about aircraft (wings, aerodynamic list of fuselage, type of propulsion, visible exhaust, existence and location of stabilizers, air ducts, slots, etc.) and questions that pertained to the observer (hobbies; ability to determine speed, color, angular size; reliability as determined by acquaintances, police and FBI records, and the employer). This memorandum was circulated to the Commanding Generals of the Major Air Commands throughout the world, all U.S. Air Attaches, the Director of the CIA, Special Assistant for Research and Intelligence of the Dept. of State, Director of Intelligence of GSUSA, the Chief of Naval Intelligence, the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Director of the FBI. The receipt of this memorandum, plus the confidential information from the Resident Engineer at Oak Ridge referred to in a previous section of these papers (part III, pg 4), plus the green fireball flap, resulted in the following memorandum from Mr. Fletcher

to Mr. Ladd concerning "FLYING DISCS" (March 14, 1949): 59

"The approval of the Executives Conference is requested for the attached SAC Letter furnishing to the field the type of information desired by the Intelligence Division of the Air Force in connection with the captioned matter (flying discs)."

"You will recall that by Bulletin #57, Series 1947, dated October 1, 1947, the field was advised that effective as of that date the Bureau had discontinued its investigative activities in connection with flying discs. The field was advised that all future reports concerning this matter received in the field should be referred to the Air Forces."

"Mr. E., (name crossed off) Resident Engineer, Air Materiel Command, Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft Research (note: Project NEPA), Oak Ridge, Tennessee, has recently and confidentially advised the Bureau that flying discs are believed by the Air Force to be man-made missiles rather than some natural phenomenon and that as much as four years ago it was learned that some type of flying discs were being experimented upon by the Russians. It was further determined from Mr. E. that most all of the flying discs seen by persons in the United States approached this country from a northerly direction and returned in the same direction, indicating the strong possibility that they are coming from Russia."

"The Department of the Air Force has furnished to the Bureau a sufficient number of copies of a memorandum dated February 15, 1949 captioned 'Unconventional Aircraft' which can be furnished to our field offices."

"At the present time this Bureau is conducting no investigation of information received in the field relating to the captioned matter."

"It is recommended that the attached SAC letter and enclosure be forwarded to the field to advise them of the type of questions to be asked of persons who voluntarily (underlining by present author) submit information relative to 'flying discs'. Although no active investigation will be conducted by the Bureau, it is believed that the captioned matter is of sufficient importance to the internal security of the country that our field offices should secure as much information as possible from complainants in order to assist the Department of the Air Force."

The attached letter from the Special Agents in Charge (SAC) was accepted and published as SAC Letter #38 on March 25, 1949. The letter read as follows: 60

"Your attention is directed to Bureau Bulletin #57, Series 1947, dated October 1, 1947, relating to the discontinuance of investigation by this Bureau in matters concerning flying discs."

"For your confidential information, a reliable and confidential source has advised the Bureau that flying discs are believed to be man-made missiles rather than natural phenomenon. It has also been determined that for approximately the past four years the USSR has been engaged in experimentation on an unknown type of flying disc."

"The Department of the Air Force has furnished to the Bureau the attached memorandum classified 'restricted' dated February 15, 1949, entitled 'Unconventional Aircraft'. This memorandum is being furnished to you in order that all agents assigned to your office can be informed of the type of information desired by the Air Force in this matter."

"As set forth in Bureau Bulletin #57, referred to above, no investigation should be conducted by your office relative to flying discs, however, the attached memorandum should be referred to in securing data from persons who desire to voluntarily furnish information to your office relating to flying discs." (signed, John Edgar Hoover, Director).

This letter, which was referred to several times in later years, forms the basic core of FBI policy: don't go out and try to obtain UFO information, but if someone volunteers it, here are the questions you should ask. It is interesting that the information furnished by the Resident Engineer (the confidential source) was used as the justification for this letter. The Resident Engineer had himself admitted that he was not directly involved with the A.F. UFO investigation, yet he was considered to be an authority.

1949 UFO CASES IN THE FBI FILE

The next interoffice memorandum of interest in the portion I obtained was written in March, 1950. Therefore, to maintain the historical order of presentation, I will turn from the collection of memoranda to the collection of good UFO cases once again. As pointed out before, 1948 was a dry year for UFO cases as far as the FBI was concerned. (According to Project Blue Book Special Report #14 the Air Force received 205 reports caused by an estimated 143 objects; some were foreign reports. This number of reports can be compared with 117 in 1947, 395 in 1949, and 306 in 1950, some of which were from foreign sources.) However, in 1949, things picked up again. Perhaps the FBI agents forgot they were supposed to keep out of the UFO business.

In January and in March the FBI received brief reports of bright objects over Kirtland AFB near Albuquerque, N.M. and at the Killeen Base near Camp Hood, Texas. These reports were not investigated by the FBI. A report which was investigated will now be presented. On May 3, 1949, J. E. Hoover received a letter from the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) at Los Angeles which stated: "A reliable and confidential source has recently advised this Bureau that during the first part of April, 1949, ...(name blanked out) Hollywood 27, California, had informed him that three employees of the Department of Recreation in Parks in the city of Los Angeles had noticed objects in the sky

which appeared to be flying discs. The above information is being furnished to you for whatever action you desire and no investigation is being conducted relative thereto by this Bureau. " Although the SAC did not investigate this case he apparently took more than just a passing interest in the next case in the FBI file, for he wrote about it to headquarters on May 13, 1949... This letter also indicates that the FBI was "plugged into" the newsmedia. The letter follows:⁶²

"On May 5, 1949, Mr....., a reporter for the Sun-Star newspaper, Merced, Cal., advised Special Agent(call him SA) that his paper had been contacted by Lt. Col....., Intelligence Officer, Castle Air Force Base, Merced, Calif., relative to any reports that the newspaper might have received concerning "flying discs" in the Merced vicinity."

"Mr..... stated a close friend of his, one 12-A Langdon Villa, Merced, had advised him that he had observed a strange object, and as he is in the Air Corps Reserve, he reported same to the Intelligence Officer at Castle Field."

"On the same date Mr....., Detachment Commander, Office of Special Investigations, Castle Air Force Base, Merced, Cal., advised SA that he had heard that an individual had reported seeing a "flying disc" to the Intelligence Officer at the Base but that the Intelligence Officer had not furnished the information to him. Mr..... later on the same date contacted SA and exhibited a letter written by, Lt. Col., USAF, Adjutant (Intelligence Officer) to Commanding General, Air Material (sic) Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Wright Field, Ohio. This letter contained a statement given by Mr..... (the witness who was a friend of the newspaper reporter and who was in the Air Corps Reserve)... which read as follows: 'I had occasion to step from my home, located approximately one mile west of the town of Merced, on the night of April 4, 1949, at approximately 2220 (i.e., 10:20 P.M.). My attention was diverted to a clicking noise of considerable intensity. I stopped on the sidewalk about 20 feet from the front steps and recognized the source of this clicking to be in the sky in an area about 40 degrees from the surface of the earth in an easterly direction. The sky condition was 20000 thin broken (i.e., thin clouds at about 20,000 feet) with 12 miles visibility and surface winds were reported as north nine M.P.H. at Castle Air Force Weather Station. My home is approximately seven miles south of Castle AFB and in an area somewhat sheltered from surface winds, and no appreciable surface wind was apparent at the time the aural observation was made. After about ten seconds of looking into the area described previously as being the source of this sound, an object was observed blanking out stars in describing a flight path in a west or northwesterly direction. Only one object was apparent, its shape can be described as only a solid mass. Its size can be estimated as four or five feet in diameter in keeping with an estimated altitude of considerably less than 1000 feet. Color was shown by the reflection of ground lights on only two occasions, and it appeared to be dull surfaced, light colored metal. The only ground lights of intensity were a row of street lights behind me one half block which leads me to believe the under surface of this object to be curved in shape.'

'This object when first sighted, was moving very slowly in a west or northwesterly direction. I would estimate that I had it in my range of vision for 35 seconds, after having heard it about ten seconds before locating it. It passed on beyond the house and maneuvered through an arc of turn to the left of about ninety degrees. The clicking sound was continuous throughout this turn, however, it became louder as it returned on its new heading of south or southwest. On its return the clicking sound became louder, but I was unable to see at this time. The clicking stopped when it was at its greatest intensity and appeared to come from a position directly over head. I was unable to see the object after the sound stopped.'

'This clicking sound, retained the same pitch and speed throughout the entire course observed, but intensity varied. There was no whistle or roar, but only the clicking noise which might be compared to beaters of a home mixer that were not properly meshed. No lights or flame were observed during the entire course with exception of the previous described reflections twice. No exhaust trail was distinguishable.'

'My dog was with me and directed her attention in the general direction of this object's flight throughout its course. She had been romping with me on coming out of the house but without spoken word stopped and directed her attention on to (sic) the previously described area. The clicking sound might not have been unusual to the dog, but there is a possibility of sounds on wave lengths discernable only to the dog being emitted.' (note: This ends the report of the sighting.)

"It is to be noted that (the witness) is a member of the Active USAF Reserve with the rank of Major. He had attained rating of pilot in August 1941 and has approximately 2200 hours flying time. During his active duty period in WW2 he stated that he had considerable night flying experience in connection with his military assignment. The Intelligence Officer in the above mentioned letter made the following statement; 'An attempt to locate other witnesses in the area or through the local newspaper proved unsuccessful.'"

"The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau."

The preceding report, which is listed as unidentified in the Air Force file, has been presented in full because of the interesting details (clicking, animal reaction) and also because it indicates that FBI agents were interested in UFO reports and obtained information for the FBI in spite of Hoover's order to avoid UFO investigations. Other 1949 cases are as follows:

- Teletype report of sightings from Ogden, Logan, and Trenton, Utah; April 5, 1949; initially identified by the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) as practice bombing missions.
- Letter from SAC, Little Rock which shows that the FBI agent interviewed a Ft. Smith, Arkansas resident about a sighting made while the observer was stopped at an intersection on April 16, 1949. The SAC letter to the FBI headquarters stated that, "the offices of OSI and MID have been notified..."

- A letter with newspaper clippings enclosed concerning "what has been described as a flying disc sighted at Radford, Virginia on May 12, 1949." The FBI agent made it clear in his letter that he had not talked to any of the witnesses.
- A letter from SAC, New Orleans which informed the Bureau that the Office of Naval Intelligence had received reports of "single discs" which had been seen traveling over New Orleans on May 18, 19, and 23. The Navy informed the Bureau that Army Intelligence had investigated these cases (which, however, are in the Air Force file).
- A copy of the official Navy report made by Lt. Shell of a sighting of several "discs" while flying in an airplane in southern Oregon on May 27. For part of the time the objects were at a lower altitude than he and he could see them "outlined against the bluffs" which were about 10 miles away. The Air Force left this case unidentified.
- A teletype referring to a sighting made in Canada which was reported to the Air Force in Nebraska.

The last 1949 case in the portion of the FBI file that I have concerns a pilot sighting in West Virginia. The FBI document contains a letter to the OSI with a summary of this case, but, since it is not listed in the "table of contents" of the Project Blue Book microfilm record, it may have never reached the appropriate Air Force authorities. Since, therefore, it may not be available in any collection of cases, I am presenting it here in full. According to the cover letter from the FBI agent who received the information, Mr..... (name crossed off) gave a letter to the resident agent at Charleston, West Virginia. "Mr..... stated that after writing the letter, he did not know whether it would be of any interest to the FBI and decided that instead of mailing it directly to the Bureau at Washington, he would contact the local agent and turn it over to him if it were thought it would be of interest to the Bureau. Mr..... stated that he has set out the complete details of this incident in his letter and that there is nothing further that he can add. He further stated that he is certain this was not a mirage and that it actually occurred. No further action is being taken by this office unless specified to do so by the Bureau." The letter from Mr..... is as follows:

"An incident happened this afternoon (9/25/49) which after consideration I felt I should report. I most certainly do not want this incident disclosed, as I do not want any publicity concerning it. If you regard it of no special interest to the F.B.I. please disregard this correspondence."

"I was flying from Clark Field to Parkersburg, W. Va. this afternoon and about four miles airline, southwest of Parkersburg I suddenly noticed a bright yellow object coming directly toward me. It came at

me with such speed, added to my 100 M.P.H. forward speed that it startled me and had passed by in a matter of a couple of seconds. But it passed by about 100 feet under my ship and about 50 feet to my right, and because of the dark green background of the forests below I was able to get a very clear outline of the object, and what I believe is a very accurate description.

Color - bright canary yellow

Length - about 15 to 18 inches

Diameter-about 4" in the largest part

It resembled a rocket, in fact was about the same shape and proportions as the fuselage of a Lockheed Air Force X-90.

No wings but vertical and horizontal fins on rear 1/3 of the rocket.

No visible means of propulsion such as propellor, vapor trail, smoke or exhaust.

The front of the rocket was very sharp with a needle nose, the needle looked about 6" long and was the size of a lead pencil.

The rear end was blunt similar to the rear end of a jet fuselage.

I was flying my ship, a Luscombe 8A, NC 144OK, and was traveling about 100 m.p.h. at the time.

I was flying at 3450 ft. above sea level at the time.

I was flying a compass course of 60 degrees, and the rocket was traveling almost west at 240 degrees.

It happened at 2:45 P.M. on the above date.

The visibility was exceptionally good, about 30 miles.

The yellow object looked very sharp and clearly outlined because of the dark green background.

If you will refer to the Huntington sectional aerial map this object was sighted over a very small town named Lubeck, which is about 4 miles direct (sic) west of South Parkersburg.

It appeared to have spent its force and seemed to be dropping slightly as it passed by, or had been fired or launched from a higher altitude than the altitude I was flying.

My wife was with me but she did not see the object, and I did not tell her of the incident until we landed at Parkersburg."

The next report in the FBI files is an official Navy document concerning several sightings in Kodiak, Alaska in January 1950. One of these was a radar-visual sighting. Since it is not found in the Air Force file I will present it in the next installment, along with the complete answer to Hoover's March 1950 question "Just what are the facts re 'flying saucers?' A short memo as to whether it is true or just what the Air Force etc.. think of them."

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REPORT ON UFOS

A Special Report To The GSW Membership

By W. Todd Zechel
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The first week of June 1978 became a historic occasion for UFOlogy and for Ground Saucer Watch. Peter Gersten, representing GSW in its FOIA suit against the CIA, filed a discovery motion in the U.S. District Court, District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.). Consisting of a 635-question interrogatory and 274 requests for documents, the discovery motion forces the CIA to answer specific questions about its long-term involvement with UFOs and is based on 60 CIA documents which are attached as exhibits, plus the collective knowledge of a number of leading government cover-up researchers.

Included in the requests for CIA documents are the names of 69 persons whom GSW and its consultants suspect the CIA has files pertaining to, mostly leading UFO researchers and UFO witnesses.

The interrogatories and requests are in themselves fascinating reading. Document request No. 96., for example, seeks "CIA intelligence reports on Scandinavian 'ghost rocket' incidents of May-December 1946, particularly those of Lt. Gen. J. H. Doolittle, USAAF, who visited Stockholm, Sweden, ca. 29 August 1946; reports and analyses by the CIA/ORE Scientific Intelligence Activity including those inherited by OSI; special study by the Swedish Defense Staff, ca. 23 December 1946; and report by the British Air Ministry Directorate of Intelligence 9 September 1946."

Document request no. 99. seeks "OSI's basic files of flying saucers/flying discs/UFO reports begun in the W&E Guided Missiles Br. in 1949, later transferred to GP Br.; possibly transferred to GP Br., P&E Div., OSI, 1953; possibly transferred to the Directorate of Plans or the development projects staff of the SA/DCI/Planning & Coordination (R.M. Bissel) ca. 1955-1956 (DDP/DPD 1 1959-1962; OSA 1962-1965; OSP 1965-1974; ODE 1973-)."

Since the purpose of GSW's FOIA suit is to obtain suppressed UFO evidence and to disseminate this information to the public, the organization has decided to make the interrogatories, document requests and exhibits available to GSW members. Bill Spaulding and the GSW staff has set the price at \$25 for members. For that amount, you will receive 64 legal-size pages of interrogatories and requests, and 50 of the 60 CIA documents which serve as exhibits. It should be pointed out that most of the CIA documents have not been seen by the public heretofore, but were briefly quoted from in my article in the last (April 1978) issue of the GSW News Bulletin

It should also be pointed out that it is somewhat unfair to myself and other researchers for anyone to receive this material for the mere price of \$25., since we have invested hundreds (even thousands) of dollars of our own money to obtain the information contained in the discovery motion (not to mention the many periods of anger and frustration which result from dealing with the CIA).

Yet, we must support the sale of the material, as not only will it provide a great leap forward in demonstrating the reality of a government coverup, but the sale will also provide funds for the future legal expenses GSW will incur. (Bill Spaulding has pledged to use profits from the sale to further the CIA suit.)

I urge each and every member of GSW to order a set of the discovery motion documents immediately. Not only will you be helping yourself by vastly upgrading your knowledge of the CIA's involvement with UFOs, but you will be helping GSW ensure there are no more delays in the suit due to lack of funds.

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While GSW's FOIA suit against the CIA has moved the organization to the forefront in the struggle to obtain release of suppressed UFO evidence, geographical problems have made it difficult to coordinate an all-out effort to combat UFO secrecy. I.e., I live in Wisconsin and most of the GSW's staff resides in Arizona. Therefore, it became evident that the formation of another organization was absolutely necessary - one that would concentrate solely on the cover-up by filing FOIA requests, appeals and suits, and investigate UFO incidents involving military personnel.

To that end, this past March I created Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS). CAUS is a nonpartisan, nonprofit lobbying and research group. Membership is open to anyone, no matter what that person's status or UFO theories are. One can join by merely subscribing to CAUS's newsletter, JUST CAUSE, a monthly publication which reports on incidents involving military personnel and releases evidence obtained by myself and my associates.

JUST CAUSE has already published three issues; April, May, and June. In those issues, we reported on crashed saucers purportedly recovered by the U.S. government (Mexico and Palm Springs) and the inside facts on a rumored UFO crash in Bolivia. We also revealed the contents of three State Department UFO reports we recently obtained (two had been classified; we obtained declassification). In addition, we scooped the field with a report on a UFO hovering over a high-security Naval weapons storage base in New Jersey, plus the real facts on an alleged CE-III in Las Vegas. All in all, JUST CAUSE has established itself as the most forthright and sensational UFO journal in existence.

I urge you to obtain a subscription to JUST CAUSE (\$10 for 12 monthly issues; back issues \$1) and join us in this concentrated effort to end government suppression of UFO evidence. Send checks or M.O.s to CAUS, 191 E. 161st St., Bronx, N.Y. 10451.

Although I have founded and serve as Director of CAUS, I do not intend to end my association with GSW. I will continue to do everything possible to serve and improve the organization, contributing advice and information whenever it is sought. Logistics, I assure you was the overriding factor in my decision to found CAUS. I must admit, however, that I was totally disappointed by the lack of response by the GSW membership to my plea for donations to support GSW's FOIA suit, one of the most important events in the history of UFOlogy, and

perhaps in the history of mankind. I only hope that every member will seize the opportunity to obtain the discovery motion documents and I look forward to each of you becoming a member of CAUS. We need your support, financial and moral, in order to succeed in our battle with the government.

In closing, let me assure you that I and my associates are dedicated to finding a solution to the UFO mystery. At the moment, we are closing in on the story of the millenium, the recovery of an extra-terrestrial spacecraft w/humanoid occupant by elements of the U.S. military in 1948. We are in contact with three first-hand sources: a retired Lt. Colonel who is speaking freely, a retired Colonel who is speaking reluctantly, and the relatives of deceased intelligence officer who was at the site. This story, when it comes out, will obviously overshadow everything else and will no doubt be a transcendental event for mankind. But in the meantime, we need your support and assistance. The end will only come as soon as UFO-logists and the public unite in an effort to achieve that goal. I ask for your support for the GSW FOIA suit and for the work of CAUS, and express my eternal gratitude to those who join us.

EDITOR'S NOTE

By Richard Gottlieb

About one year ago I had the distinct pleasure of wishing our previous Editor, Lori Field, the best of luck as she entered medical school. Since we were left without an experienced editor, the Bulletin Committee grit its teeth and published anyway. Though my name appeared as Editor, the role was more title than substance. I too was preparing for a medical education, and thus had little time to devote to the GSW News Bulletin. In reality, the last two issues have been complete team efforts. It was my priviledge to be part of that team.

Thus it is with mixed emotions that I announce my retirement as acting Editor. I am very much looking forward to attending the University of Arizona College of Medicine beginning in August. Yet, I will deeply miss the warmth, friendship and comradery given me by my co-workers. The success of any organization can be traced to the character of its members. GSW is a fine example of an organization comprised of spirited people sharing both imagination and an unquenchable thirst for the truth. No other person or group has ever come so close to solving the UFO enigma, and I firmly believe the reason is our people. I congratulate GSW for its successes and wish it the best of luck for the future. I especially want to thank Bill Spaulding and his crew for allowing me to be a part of the team.

SUGGESTED READING

For those UFO researchers who are seriously interested in keeping abreast of the latest developments in the field of UFOlogy, GSW recommends the following publications:

MUFON's UFO JOURNAL

MUFON, Inc., 103 Oldtowne Rd.
Seguin, Texas 78155
\$10.00 per yr. Att: Walt Andrus
(Formerly Skylook Magazine)

UFO PULSE-ANALYZER

Box 15, Willowdale, Ontario
Canada M2N5P0
\$10.00 for 10 issues
Editor: Harry Tokarz

INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER

924 Chicago Ave.
Evanston, Illinois 60202
\$12.00 per yr.
Editor: Allan Hendry

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191 E. 161st St.
Bronx, N.Y. 10451
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